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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN THE EMBASSY

REF: STATE 101296

1. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN DISCUSSING CONTENT OF REFERENCED MESSAGE WITH AMB HILL POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ON-BOARD STAFF DUE TO ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN COMPETITION FROM ARGENTINA WITH US AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN WORLD EXPORT MARKETS. STRESSED THAT THIS IS CRITICAL YEAR SINCE ARGENTINE PRODUCTION OF GRAIN SORGHUM AND SOYBEANS AT RECORD LEVELS AND EXPORT AVAILABILITIES OF VEGETABLE OILS AND OILSEED BYPRODUCTS, CORN, GRAIN SORGHUM AND RICE UP SIGNIFICANTLY. GOA EXPECTED TO RELY MORE HEAVILY ON SHIPMENTS OF ABOVE PRODUCTS TO OFFSET DETERIORATED MEAT EXPORT SITUATION.

2. BELIEVE THAT CONTINUATION OF TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTING ON THESE MATTERS ESSENTIAL AND CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAINTAINING PRESENT WELL-BALANCED, QUALIFIED STAFF.

3. AMB HILL IS SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON, DC FOR CONSULTATION BEGINNING JUNE 3 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS STAFFING PATTERN OF THIS OFFICE WITH SECRETARY BUTZ. THE AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED THAT DECISION BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR AGRICULTURE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER THIS PROPOSED MEETING. AMBASSADOR HILL FEELS THAT THIS MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED MORE APPROPRIATELY AT THAT TIME.

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